Voluntary Retirement Scheme in Public Sector Undertakings

5719. SHRI CHINNASAMY SRINIVASAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether voluntary retirement scheme introduced by the Union Government for employees of Public Sector Undertakings has met with great success; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b). Information received from 166 PSEs indicates 64 of them had adopted Voluntary Retirement Scheme. 15882 employees have availed of the benefit of Voluntary Retirement Scheme in these PSEs.

Sales Turnover of I.D.P.L.

5720. DR. ASIM BALA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total sales turnover and the losses incurred by the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited (IDPL) during 1990-91;

(b) the inventory of finished goods that have been piled up till March 31, 1991;

(c) the number of selling stock items converted into physician samples during 1989-90 and 1990-91, item-wise and value-wise and the reasons for such conversion; and

(d) the reasons for the losses and the remedial action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The total sales turnover of Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. during 1990-91 was Rs. 170.05 crores (provisional). The loss during the year 1990-91 was Rs. 81.99 crores (provisional).

(b) The value of finished goods inventory as on 31.3.91 was Rs. 30.21 crores.

(c) The details of conversion of selling stocks/items into physician samples are maintained at various regional offices of IDPL. The information for the years 1989-90 and 1990-91 is not readily available.

(d) The major reasons for losses of IDPL are low capacity utilisation, high wage bill, obsolescence in technology, high interest burden and fixed costs, non-availability of raw materials/packaging materials, and the constraints of working capital. The package for rehabilitation of IDPL would involve stepping up of capacity utilisation, emphasis on exports, higher sales in the trade as well as institutional markets, reduction in costs by increasing efficiencies and savings on services and utilities, improvement in the system of collection of outstanding dues, introduction of Voluntary Retirement Scheme, etc.

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Project of Rajasthan/Haryana Pending for Clearance

5721. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the various projects/schemes of Rajasthan and Haryana pending with the Union Government for approval and since when each of them has been pending; and

(b) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard and the time by which

each project/scheme of these State is likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Only Meja Modernisation & Meja Feeder Project of Rajasthan is pending since 20.3.91 for investment approval in the Planning Commission. No project from Haryana is pending in the Planning Commission.

(b) The decision for investment clearance to above scheme in Rajasthan depends upon the overall resource availability of the State and sectoral priorities attached to the various sectors by the State Govt. in the Eighth Plan which is yet to be formulated and finalised.

Public Sector Projects of Bihar

5722. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of projects under Public Sector in Bihar which are still under construction, districtwise;

(b) the percentage of increase in the cost of these projects in comparison to the original estimated cost and the cost likely to be increased when these projects are completed;

(c) the names of the projects on which work is likely to start during the Eighth Five year Plan; and

(d) the names of the schemes under which the Union Government propose to provide funds to these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b). As per monitoring system of Deptt. of Programme Implementation, as on 1st April, 1991, there are 28 central projects, each costing Rs. 20 crore and above, under construction in Bihar State. This does not include inter-state projects like electric transmission lines etc. passing through the State. The district-wise names of the projects, percentage increase in cost of each project with respect to the original sanctioned cost and the latest anticipated cost of completion of each project are given in the statement annexed.

(c) and (d). Eighth Five Year Plan has not been finalised.